IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
ν.) Case No. 1:20-MJ-114
ZACKARY ELLIS SANDERS,)
Defendant.)
)

ORDER

This Court, having considered the Motion of the United States, General Orders 2020-03 and 07 suspending the grand jury as one measure to reduce the spread and health risks from COVID-19, and the evolving public health crisis behind those measures, hereby:

INCORPORATES the findings in General Orders 2020-02, 03, 06, and 07, and taking notice of Governor Ralph Northam's Executive Order No. 55, now hereby

FINDS that under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the interests of justice require an extension of the time period set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) for the return of an indictment in this case. The Court has considered the circumstances of this case, the factors in § 3161(h)(7)(B), and the findings in General Orders 2020-02, 03, 06 and 07. The Court has temporarily suspended grand juries until May 1, 2020 because of evolving emergency circumstances and to help arrest the public-health threat posed by the spreading of the virus. The interests of justice outweigh the defendant's interest in speedy indictment in this case, and failure to grant such a continuance would not only make a continuation of that proceeding impossible but result in a miscarriage of justice. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the deadline to indict the defendant in this matter is hereby extended to and including June 25, 2020.

Leonie M. Brinkema United States District Judge